

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to eliminate all multiple dependent claims (both proper and improper), thereby ensuring examination of all of claims 1-5 on the merits in the first Office Action.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

3. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1-~~or 2~~, characterized in that the regions of glue arranged on one side of the material web are offset in the transverse direction in relation to the regions of glue arranged on the other side of the material web, that is to say they are positioned in mutually offset lines or planes.

4. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1-~~or one of the further claims~~, characterized in that the non-folded material web, provided with regions of glue on both sides, is drawn off from a reel, and then folded continuously in the longitudinal direction, in particular with a Z-fold (23) and/or a double-layered base strip (29) being formed in the process, the transverse folding of the material web resulting in offset regions of glue which are assigned to one another being positioned relative to one another such that, when folded, the subsequently severed blanks have regions of glue for folding tabs overlapping.

5. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1-~~or one of the further claims~~, characterized in that separate blanks, in particular a revenue stamp (42), are connected to the pack by corresponding regions of glue, in particular by regions of glue arranged in the region of the front wall (10), rear wall (11) and end wall (16), on the one hand, and corresponding regions of glue on the inside of the revenue stamp (42), on the other hand.